



HONORING 2024 LUMBER PERSON OF THE YEAR


*Scott Norrie*

Howe Lumber Company, Inc.

Scott Norrie, this year's Lumber Person of the Year, has demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership in the lumber and building material industry. His journey began with a summer job at Howe Lumber, a position that marked the start of a fulfilling career. Initially pursuing medical school and completing a four-year active-duty stint with the U.S. Army, Scott's path took a pivotal turn as he embraced the opportunities within the lumber industry, a decision he reflects on with gratitude.

Since 1998, Scott has been a cornerstone of Howe Lumber, where he has made significant contributions. His commitment extends beyond the company, having served as President of the MRLDA from 2012 to 2014 and as President of NYLE in 2007. Notably, he received the NYLE CHIPs Award in 2011 for his outstanding efforts. His involvement in the industry has also been marked by innovative initiatives, such as his idea to create a children's book inspired by "My Daddy is a Lumberman," aimed at industry recruitment.

Scott's contributions are not confined to his professional life. He has actively participated in his community, serving as a library trustee in North Brookfield, a Corporator at North Brookfield Savings Bank, and as a Scouting leader at both the Cub Scout and Boy Scout levels. These roles underscore his commitment to community service and civic engagement.



Born in Ft. Knox, Kentucky, in 1972 amidst the tumult of the Vietnam War, Scott's early life was shaped by frequent relocations across several states. Settling in Central Massachusetts for the past 26 years, he considers this his home. His family life is a source of immense pride. Scott and his wife, Kate (daughter of Steve Howe), have three sons: Alec, Nathan, and Kyle. Alec and Nathan, recent college graduates, and Kyle, a high school graduate heading to Embry-Riddle's flight program, reflect the success and fulfillment Scott has achieved both personally and professionally. He cherishes the opportunity to be actively involved in his children's lives, a privilege afforded by his career.

Outside of work, Scott's passions include family-centric activities such as travel, sports, and hiking. Recently, he has delved into improv comedy, performing with the Worcester-based group Mistakes Were Made. This new hobby, which combines humor and creativity, offers a refreshing balance to his professional responsibilities.

Scott's philosophy of life, "Kindness is all there is," guides his interactions and contributions. He believes in the serendipity of finding one's path in life and is grateful for the opportunities and experiences his career in the lumber industry has provided. His journey from a summer job to becoming Lumber Person of the Year exemplifies a career built on dedication, innovation, and a deep commitment to both industry and community.

